

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CENTRAL COORDINATION OF DATA
TRANSMISSION BETWEEN A TRANSMITTING AND A RECEIVING
NETWORK ELEMENT

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Abstract

Terminals and applications which communicate with
one another need to agree on a common protocol and data
interchange format. Conversion functions are now
offered as a separate service for widely differing
formats and protocols in the network. Applications no
longer need to support every standard, but can use the
appropriate conversion service when required. A central
entity is introduced in which the available converters
register with this entity and store information about
the protocols/formats which they can convert to one
another. The central entity manages this information
and makes it accessible to applications and terminals.

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